

## **Title 18: Human Services**

### **Part 10: Division of Youth Services**

#### **Part 10 Chapter 1: Policy on Runaway from MDHS, Youth Services Campus**

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| <b>MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES<br/>DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES</b>  |  |
| <b>Subject:</b><br><b>RUNAWAYS FROM MISSISSIPPI<br/>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,<br/>DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES<br/>CAMPUS</b> | <b>Policy Number:</b><br><b>30</b>   |
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| <b>Effective Date:</b>  | <b>Approved:</b><br><br><hr/> <b>James Maccarone, Director</b>   |

### **I. POLICY**

It is a policy of Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services, that when a student who has run away from the DYS campus and has not been apprehended within a reasonable period of time and/or it is known or assumed that the student(s) has left the immediate area the following procedure must occur:

1. The Parent(s) and Community Services, Youth Services Counselor must be notified by campus staff of the student running away. The Community Services, Youth Services Counselor and/or the committing Court will then advise the appropriate local law enforcement agencies.
2. If the Community Services, Youth Services Counselor or the committing Court cannot be contacted, the Sheriff's Department in the student's home county will be notified and the local law enforcement in the student's committing county will be notified.
3. Any other appropriate law enforcement personnel will be notified.

After the student(s) has been apprehended, all law enforcement and Community Services personnel who have previously been notified of the situation will be contacted by the campus staff.

## **II. DEFINITIONS**

None

## **III. PROCEDURE (See above Policy)**

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Source: *MS Code Ann.* 1972: § 43-25